

# TreeLink News Bulletin

In the works



Paper Birch  
*Betula papyrifera*

The paper birch is a deciduous tree native to North America. This tree has a broadly conical shape, and is characterized by its white peeling bark. The dark green leaves are toothed and taper to a point. The flowers are located in catkins and droop from the branches. The paper birch has yellow to orange color in the fall, and can be up to 100 feet tall. An alternate common name is canoe birch, because Native Americans used the bark to make canoes.

Picture courtesy of "Trees" by Allen J. Coombes



WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF  
**Natural Resources**

Jennifer M. Belcher - Commissioner of Public Lands

Spring is in the air! And Arbor Month is just around the corner. We are hearing about great events being planned all over Washington, so be sure to check with your city or town to get involved. The Urban and Community Forestry Program would like to hear about your Arbor Day events; if you would like to spread the word about your celebration, call the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-TREE. Sarah

## Community Forestry Field Day

The Washington Urban and Community Forestry Program is planning a Community Forestry Field Day to be held Saturday, March 18, 2000. The City of Chehalis will be hosting this event at Recreation Park. Topics will include tree planting, pruning techniques, soil properties, backyard wildlife, fertilizers/pesticides, and "How Communities Care for Their Trees" which will include tree ordinances, tree boards, etc. Beginning at 9 a.m., the concurrent sessions will continue throughout the day. This field day is free of charge, and will end at 3 p.m. A complete schedule of events and registration materials are available by calling the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-8733.

## Tree Injection Seminars

The Pacific Northwest Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture will be hosting five tree injection seminars in March. These continuing education seminars will discuss various choices today's arborists have to address nutrient, insect, and disease problems with trees. Topics will include tree biology and terminology, microinjections, macroinjections and soil treatments. Timing and application techniques for several products will be discussed. The intent of the course is to explain the proper use of various tree injections technologies and products. The seminars will run from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the following dates: March 16, Silverton, OR; March 21, Spokane, WA; March 23, Kent, WA; March 30, Redmond, OR; March 31, Grants Pass, OR. Call the PNW-ISA at (503) 874-8263 for more information.

## Trees and Streams Summit

Oregon Community Trees will host a one day conference on March 10, 2000, to explore opportunities for solutions and changes in urban forest practices mandated by the listing of threatened or endangered salmon species under the Endangered Species Act. The goal of this conference is to bring together people responsible for implementing changes to accommodate fish and to discuss tasks, offer tools and techniques, and share solutions, with an emphasis on practical information. The all day conference will take place at the World Forestry Center in Portland. For further information or to register, contact Rick Zenn at (503) 228-1367 ext. 103 or by e-mail at [RZennwfc@aol.com](mailto:RZennwfc@aol.com).

## Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Grants Available

The National Park Service has announced the availability of \$2,000,000 for funding projects through the Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Program. Projects may be up to \$300,000, and are targeted for rehabilitating existing neighborhood recreation areas and facilities which have deteriorated. Grants may be used to remodel, rebuild, or develop existing outdoor or indoor recreation areas and facilities. Pre-applications must be received by March 31, 2000. More information and a pre-application packets are available at [www.ncrc.nps.gov/uparr](http://www.ncrc.nps.gov/uparr) or by calling the National Park Service at (206) 220-4126.

## Urban Forestry Grants Deadline Approaching

The 2000 Community Forestry Assistance Grant applications are available. There is approximately \$100,000 available for community forestry projects. The maximum amount to be requested for any project is \$10,000. All grant dollars must be matched on a one-to-one basis with hard dollars or in kind contributions. Eligible grantees include municipalities of any size, nonprofit organizations, tribal governments, and educational institutions. The final application is due March 15, 2000. Obtain a copy on-line at [www.wa.gov/dnr/htdocs/rp/urban/urban.htm](http://www.wa.gov/dnr/htdocs/rp/urban/urban.htm), or call the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-TREE.

## Adopt-A-Stream Events

The Adopt-A-Stream Foundation has events for the Streamkeeper Academy in March. Events include the Wetland Detectives Series, Let's Hoot for Owls, and Ethnobotany. For more information on these and other events, please call Adopt-A-Stream at (425) 316-8592 or on the web at [streamkeeper.org](http://streamkeeper.org).

## In the works (continued)

"A culture is no better than its woods."  
-W.H. Auden

TRIVIA: What American tree has the  
longest thorns?

(answer is upside down below)

## Picks and Shovels

## On the Horizon

The Washington Urban and Community Forestry Program is made possible with assistance from the USDA Forest Service. The program's purpose is to educate citizens and decision-makers about the economic, environmental, psychological and aesthetic benefits of trees and to assist local governments, citizen groups and volunteers in planting and sustaining healthy trees and vegetation wherever people live and work in Washington State.

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## WaterWorks Grants Available

The King County Water Quality Block Grant Fund has grants available for water quality projects. Grant amounts and project requirements vary. For information on grant types and amounts, call Sara Hatfield at the King County Department of Natural Resources at (206) 296-8042 or via e-mail at [Sara.Hatfield@METROKC.GOV](mailto:Sara.Hatfield@METROKC.GOV).

## 200,000 Trees in 2000

King County Executive Ron Simms kicked off a program to plant over 200,000 trees on public lands throughout the Mountains-to-Sound Greenway. The program includes over 50 winter and spring projects; to get involved call Amy Glaub at (206) 812-0122 or [volunteers@mtsgreenway.org](mailto:volunteers@mtsgreenway.org).

## Help for Grant Writers

The EPA has developed software for grant writers. The program is located at [www.epa.gov/seahome/grants/src/grant.htm](http://www.epa.gov/seahome/grants/src/grant.htm). The program focuses on federal grants in general, but more specifically on three EPA grant programs. The program provides examples of good, complete grant packages, and a mock grant writing activity in which the user is able to compare their proposal to a successful grant application.

## Poster Contest Entries Due

2000 5th Grade Arbor Day Poster contest entries need to be to the Department of Natural Resources by March 13, 2000, to be eligible for the state competition. This year's theme is "Trees Are Terrific...in All Shapes and Sizes". We have a curriculum packet for loan from the National Arbor Day Foundation to aid in planning your school's Arbor Day Events. Poster contest packets and other information are available by calling the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-TREE.

*The Rotten Truth.* A new video available to help landowners and managers recognize and deal with the common northwest root diseases, including Laminated, Armillaria, and Annosus root rots. Order from the WSU Cooperative Extension at 1-800-723-1763 or [bulletin@coopext.cahe.wsu.edu](mailto:bulletin@coopext.cahe.wsu.edu). The price is \$24 (plus shipping/handling and sales tax).

*2000 ArborLeaf.* Produced by the Washington Arbor Day Council, this popular publication includes Arbor Day celebration information and ideas. Inside you will also find a form for ordering seedlings for as low as \$9.50 per bundle of 20. To receive *ArborLeaf* and order forms, visit the WADC website at [www.wa.gov/dnr/htdocs/rp/urban/Arboday.htm](http://www.wa.gov/dnr/htdocs/rp/urban/Arboday.htm), or call the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-TREE.

## March

- 10 *Trees and Streams Summit*, World Forestry Center in Portland. Call Rick Zenn at (503) 228-1367 x. 103 for more information.
- 13-15 *Building With Trees National Conference*. NADF, Nebraska City, NE. 888-448-7337.
- 15 2000 Community Forestry Assistance Grant applications due to the U&CF by 4:30 p.m.
- 18 *Community Forestry Field Day*, Chehalis. Call Sarah Foster at 1-800-523-TREE
- 21 *Tree Injection Seminar, Spokane*. Call the PNW-ISA at (503) 585-4285 for information.
- 23 *Tree Injection Seminar, Seattle*. Call the PNW-ISA at (503) 585-4285.

## April

- 6-9 *Equinox Environmental Film Festival*, Leavenworth, WA. (206) 443-7239.
- 12 Washington State's Arbor Day!
- 19 Washington Community Forestry Council meeting in Spokane.
- 20 *Hazard Tree Evaluation Workshop*, Puyallup. Contact PNW-ISA at (503) 585-4285.